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TATIC EVENING.

from page 1.

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MADE
IS BLOGAN.

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"inquired A. M.
Wadsworth, How-

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I might add that
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can gallon in Durban at present.

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ment in this letter is the people of
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The natives, or Zulus, are much like
our negroes at home. As a rule, they
are brown rather than black. They
are not a tall people, but well built
and usually quite handsome. Their
faces are often not symmetrical, but
more like that of a Turk or a Hebrew
woman. The women are decidedly
short, and often quite fat.

The Zulus were, previous to the ar-
rival of white men, the chief military
power of South Africa. Under Ding-
ane, the "Black Napoleon," they
dominated all of eastern South Af-
rica eighty years ago. They were then
living in savagery. Many, who are
now in a state of semi-civilization, are
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RANDOM REMARKS ABOUT NATAL

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

In my letters I have mentioned "tin
shanties," "iron houses" and the like,
very often. This ought to be explained
at a date. Lumber is scarce and ex-
pensive in South Africa. Practically
all of it comes from Australia, Oregon,
Canada, and Norway. This is a
land of grassy veld; native trees are for
the most part poor timber.

But galvanized corrugated iron,
made in England, is plentiful and
cheap. It comes in sheets three by
six to eleven feet. Under the name
of "zinc" or "tin" it is a favorite
African building material. It was to
be had as low as fourpence (8 cents)
a square foot until the war began.
Practically all the roofs of South Africa,
town and country alike, are made
of this stuff. That is its only sub-
stitute. They use it for sides of build-
ings, for retarding-walls, etc., etc., etc.
In building with it, a wooden
frame is erected, with up to four feet
between timbers, and the iron is nailed
onto this. They fasten it with 3-inch
screws, driven in like nails. Of course
a hole must be punched for each screw.
The use of the screw is to make it
easy to take off the iron. The corrugations
make the iron, 1/8 inch thick,
so stiff that a 200-lb. man can walk
on a roof made of it nailed to punts
5 feet apart. Of course they put the
screws in on the ridges, not the hollows,
so that the stuff makes a water-
tight roof or wall. Material for val-
leys, gutters, etc., comes, and is stand-
ardized.

Our barns at Amazimoti are made
of this stuff. All our roofs, save that
on Mr. Gray's and Flintkote on Mr.
Lloyd's house. At Amazimoti beach,
the station, sheds, hotel, store, col-
lages, bathing houses, and boat-houses
are all built of this stuff. At Umkoma-
sas, a resort down the coast, the
same is true. Of course an iron house
is very hot, so they line them with
plaster, thin boards, or unburnt bricks.
When well painted, the iron buildings
are not very ugly; usually they are
left unpainted or daubed with a dull
red.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs.
Ella Clark, Thursday afternoon.

Rev. H. S. Truman, the newly ap-
pointed pastor of the Methodist Epis-
copal Church, will be present to take
charge on Sunday, April 29th. The
next pastor will supply the pulpit
next Sunday the 22nd.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

There was a large attendance from
our society at the patriotic meeting last
Sunday evening which was much en-
danced by all.

Goodly numbers of our people are
joining the Red Cross contingent.
The subject of the sermon next Sun-
day will be, "The Good Fight." Dr.
Wight will lead the choir.

Prof. Hansom will lead the Chil-
dren Endeavor service next Sunday ev-
ening. The Ladies' Club will meet with
Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon
at three o'clock.

All Scouts who have not passed to
second class are invited to the par-
sonage, Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Notice has been received of the Dis-
trict Sunday School Convention to be
held at Oxford, May 1. It is hoped
that there will be a large delegation
from our three churches.

SCHOOL NOTES.

All schools in the district are in ses-
sion except that on Howe Hill, which
will begin Monday, April 23.

Many boys and girls have signified
their intention of engaging in agricul-
tural club projects this year.

The regular meeting of the Bethel
Parent Teacher Association will be
held Wednesday evening, April 19th.
The principle topics for discussion are
"School and Home Garden," and
"Agricultural Club Projects."

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

GOULD'S ACADEMY

GRANGE NEWS

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.

This Grange held its regular meet-
ing Wednesday evening, April 11. Pres-
ident, Mrs. Rose Beckett, Lecture-
ress; Miss Eliza Fuller, Chaplain;
Miss Ethel Cole, Secretary; Willis Bart-
lett, Gate Keeper. It was voted that
the dues to the State Grange be five
cents per quarter instead of four as at
present. Literary program: Clippings
by members; Reading program for the
next meeting by the W. Lecturer. Sug-
gestions for the good of the order by
W. Master Guy Barnett.

The first baseball game of the sea-
son will be played at Mechanic Falls,
Saturday, April 21.

About twelve dollars was added to
the Makonkey Fund as a result of the
entertainment of last Thursday evening.

Chester Howe spent the week end at
his home in Hanover. During his ab-
sence Mr. Small did the janitor work
at Holden Hall.

Among those who visited school this
week were: Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Mrs. B.
W. Kimball, Mr. Francis D. Mills and
Mr. John D. Eagle.

Three boys from the Academy, Elwin
Wilson, Herbert Bean and Vivian
Hutchins have enlisted in the army
Joining Company D of Norway.

UNION TEMPERANCE
PATRIOTIC MEETING.

A Union Temperance Patriotic meet-
ing under the auspices of the W. C.
T. C. and the W. R. C., was held in
the Universalist church last Sunday
evening. The church was elaborately
decorated by Mrs. Anna French, who
has the unprecedented record of twenty
years service in decorating this
church, and she was ably assisted by
Miss Mona Martyn. Flags, bunting and
cut flowers gave a most patriotic air
to the auditorium.

Mrs. Nellie Curtis, Vice President of
the W. C. T. C., presided by the urgent
invitation of the President, Mrs. Mae
Goodwin. The music was rendered by
a chorus from the Universalist church
under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Ed-
ward. The congregation joined heart-
ily in the patriotic hymns, and when a
trio and a duet added much to the
interest of the meeting. Reading of
scripture was by Rev. W. C. Curtis and
prayer by Rev. J. H. Little.

Mrs. Curtis opened the regular pro-
gram by calling attention to the fact
that temperance and patriotism were
linked and that the W. C. T. C. had a
department of Christian citizenship
training the young men and women to
the true love of country, also was
the first and foremost advocate of the
abolishment of the canteen in the Ar-
my and Navy and spoke of the work
done for our soldiers up to the present
time and now with this great oppor-
tunity it accepts its sacred trust with
a renewed pledge to serve its country
in all ways opened by the war.

Rev. Mr. Curtis spoke upon the "Ne-
cessity of Prohibition in the War." Mrs.
E. C. Vanenkerechoven read from
"The Peacock of Calamity." The
salute of the flag was given by the
W. R. C. with the color bearers
grouped in a tableau while the choir
and congregation arose and sang "The
Star Spangled Banner."

Rev. J. H. Little gave an address, "Our
Flag," as only a veteran of the
Civil War can speak. After the sing-
ing of "America" an open forum
followed with brief remarks by Messrs.
Upon, Fred A. Tibbets, J. H. Hatch,
N. R. Springer, P. E. Haskins, E.
C. Park, Judge Hoxie and Mrs. Mor-
row, through all of which breath the
spirit of true patriotism and loyalty
which stirred the hearts of everyone
and when the patriotic officers called
for an expression for willingness to
serve in any capacity the entire audi-
ence arose. A generous offering was
received for the Red Cross and Irving
Gates reported a recent call to the
Red Cross Hospital in Portland and ex-
plained the work of the Red Cross and
status of its officers. A committee was
informally chosen and an auxiliary will
be formed here as soon as possible. Mr.
Carr and the pleasure of receiving
thirty-five names for membership up
to noon Monday.

The meeting was very thoroughly en-
tertained and patriotic and perhaps a
touch of pathos and suspense was
added as each one thought of "our
young men" who went out from our
Academy and places of business only
last Friday and a hearty God speed
was given to every heart.

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. Walter G. Brown of Providence,
R. I., has been a guest at Bethel Inn
the past week.

We are pleased to say that Mrs.
Leon H. Gilley has returned to the
Inn for a short stay previous to her
going to her summer home at Maple-
wood, N. H.

Mr. W. J. Upson has once more made
his appearance on the road, enjoying his
favorite exercise on his beautiful Ken-
tucky horse, accompanied on his trips
by his faithful Airedale, Timber Top.

Prospects for business at Bethel Inn
for the coming season are unusually
bright, a great many inquiries have
already been received, which, coming
at this time of the year, is a very good
indication.

Miss M. H. Risk of Portland is at
Bethel Inn for an indefinite stay. Her
brother, Mr. R. A. Risk, of Portland
spent the week end with her. Both
thoroughly enjoyed the Inn and the
beautiful views about Bethel.

On Sunday Mr. S. N. Blackwood ar-
rived to take the management of Bethel
Inn for the summer. Mr. Blackwood
has just returned from Jamaica where
he has managed the Titchfield for a
number of seasons. He was also manager
of the Tuftes, Commonwealth
Ave., Boston, and associate manager
of the New Ocean House, Swansboro.

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The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

HERE IT IS SPRING-TIME AGAIN!

Everything in the Whole House Needs A Spring Tonic, an Airing and A "Clarin' Up!"

Tara A. Hawk in The Farmers Wife, Everyone who has read Uncle Tom's Cabin remembers how, every once or twice a year, Aunt Dinah had a "clarin' up time." It was then that every part of her kitchen was overhauled and made spick and span. It was then that all the little negroes of the plantation kept themselves well out of reach of Aunt Dinah's hand. They knew full well that her disposition was not apt to be at its best when she was so busy with her "clarin' up."

Here it is springtime again and everything in the whole house needs a spring tonic and an airing. "Clarin' up time" is upon us but by planning and preparing a little the time will come and pass and neither spoil our dispositions nor break up the family circle.

In the first place, we will look over the battlefield and plan the attack just as any good general does. Then we will lay in our ammunition and supplies, clothe our army and equip our mess kitchen, and some sunshiny morning, the dusty, stuffy old enemy will suffer the most surprising attack it has had since a year ago.

The ammunition and supplies consist of soap, soft water, wall covering, commercial cleansers (either in the powdered form or in the cake), varnish, floor wax, furniture polish, plenty of old soft cloths, brushes, two good pails; one a galvanized pail with a good bail, that will not be too heavy to carry up and down stairs or up and down the steps ladder; the other a wooden or heavy galvanized pail. This second one is to hold another piece of equipment, namely, the mop wringer.

We must have a stepladder, or better yet, a stepladder and kitchen stool combination, for we can use the combination piece every day in the whole year.

If we live near a town where a vacuum cleaner can be rented, for possibly we do not feel just make to own one yet, we will make arrangements with the dealer to rent a good vacuum cleaner for one day and at about the same time, we must make arrangements with Father or one of the hired men to operate it until every rug and mattress and hanging in the house has had a thorough cleaning.

If the cleaner is of a type that can be operated by the gasoline engine that pumps the water, shells the corn, grinds the feed, elevates the grain, operates the milking machine and does most of the hard work for Father and his men, maybe we can have its help for an hour or two to work the vacuum cleaner. At any rate, there is a possibility worth experimenting on. If we cannot have the engine or the cleaner, either one, we will be sure that we have a good substantial rug beater, one that has no broken or loose wires and that does not slip out of its handle.

The next preparatory movement will be to stock up the mess kitchen because when this "clarin' up" battle starts we prefer not to hang up the flag of truce while we take to the kitchen and spend good sight-seeing time in cooking dishes that require hours of preparation.

One of the old standbys in the army's diet is beans so we will bake a big pot.

Overcome Chronic Constipation

Don't continue to create a bad habit of strong purgatives. They relieve, and that is all. And they call for increased doses. A sensible treatment will aches the liver and give tone and strength to the bowels. It is offered in

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ALBANY.

The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Abel Andrews, Wednesday. They are reading, "The Persian Hath Said In His Heart," written by Cecil Chester.

The school at Hunt's Corner is to commence April 23. Miss Alta Van Gies is to teach.

Mary Ginter celebrated her seventh birthday by inviting her little friends to spend Monday afternoon with her. They had a pleasant time playing games and a candy lunch was served, after which they went up on the hill for a walk and drink of sap.

Mr. Frances Wardwell is caring for Mrs. Arthur Andrews and baby.

Charles and Jack McNally have tapped quite a number of trees.

Way Johnson has returned from Abbot where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Anna Bean.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Lucy Holt, who has been in a hospital in Boston for treatment is so much improved in health that she has gone to the home of her sister, Mrs. McIverda Rose.

Mrs. Abel Andrews called on Mrs. Isaac Elliot, recently.

Mabel, Helen, Ruth and Beatrice Andrews have been spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Brown, of North Waterford.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinabove named:

At a Probate Court at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following will have been presented for the action thereto, heretofore indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Nasford on the second Tuesday of May, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to act at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will authorise the Selectmen to lease the corn factory to P. J. Tyler for a term of three years with an option to buy at a certain price or to release for another term of years and to fix price.

Bethel, Maine, April 17, 1917.

P. J. Tyler,
W. E. Bartlett,
D. B. Brown,
Eli P. Stevens,
Fred L. Clark,
H. E. Jordan,
Ira C. Jordan,
Harry H. King,
L. D. Brown,
A. W. Herrick.

Mr. Fred W. Martin, a citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

GREETING:—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Old Hall, in said town on Tuesday, April 24, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to act at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will authorise the Selectmen to lease the corn factory to P. J. Tyler for a term of three years with the option to buy at a certain price or to release for another term of years and to fix price. Given under our hands this 18th day of April, A. D. 1917.

Signed,

FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. D. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

WEST ZERU.

Mrs. Hattie Lawlor of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Dow.

Mildred Tracy was at home over Sunday from her work at L. E. Lovejoy's.

Mr. H. E. Hawley made calls on several friends at Dixville one day this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Tracy were in Rumford last Friday.

E. W. Stansbury bought a pair of horns of A. W. Davis of Woodstock, recently.

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BETHEL,

MAINE.

BETHEL and Vicinity

Mr. T. F. Hastings was in Berlin, Saturday.

Mr. L. L. Carver was in Portland last week.

Mr. L. A. Hall is spending a few days in Norway.

Lieut. Wilson of Norway was in town last Wednesday.

Miss Mary True was in Portland the first of the week.

Mr. Clifford Merrill has moved his family onto Clark street.

Mr. Ben Sukforth of Portland was in town a few days last week.

The Crochet Club met with Mrs. David Forbes, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Blaize was a week end guest of relatives in Milan, N. H.

Mrs. F. A. Tibbets and E. F. Blaize were in Portland, Sunday.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn of Portland was a business visitor in town, Saturday.

The Weetatt Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Garey, Thursday P. M.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Mae Goodwin, Tuesday afternoon, April 24th.

Mr. Ernest Ham of Norway was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durrell.

Mrs. E. C. Park and Miss Annie Hamlin were in Berlin, N. H., last Thursday.

The Crochet Club will meet with Mrs. D. T. Durrell next Tuesday afternoon, April 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings, who have been spending the winter at Fells, Maine, arrived home, Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter King and son, Wendell, of West Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mae Cross has completed her duties at Mr. H. C. Rowe's and has returned to work for Mrs. D. S. Hastings.

The Songo Camp Fire Girls are busy getting their play, "Any Girl," ready for next Tuesday evening. The program is to be used for war relief.

At the Methodist Conference which has just closed at Westbrook, Rev. T. C. Chapman was assigned to Biddeford and South Biddeford, and Rev. H. H. Trostman of Oakland was assigned to Bethel.

At the Men's Club on Wednesday evening, April 25, Theodore Clarke Hall, professor of history in Williams College, will talk on the "Naval Battle of Jutland." Prof. Smith is a pleasant speaker and an interesting meeting is expected for a week from tonight.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Inman and son, Walter, were in Portland, Tuesday, to consult Dr. Abbott in regard to Walter's arm.

Mr. Philip Barker and mother are to occupy the Vira Holt place on Mill Hill about the first of May.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. Little visited the "Soldier Boys" at Norway this week.

Mr. Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., is visiting relatives in town.

Tuesday, Mr. Little was called to South Paris to attend the funeral of Mr. Dibble, who died Saturday morning, aged 77.

Mr. Gard Goddard has enlisted in the hospital corps and will leave for Portland next Monday. Mr. Hossman has secured Mr. A. P. Stevens, a registered druggist, of South Paris as drug clerk.

Miss Harriet Andrews, who has been a guest of Miss Mary True the past week, returned to her home in Kansas City, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitney were guests of Mrs. Whitney's sister, Mrs. Spaulding, at Lancaster, N. H., a few weeks last week.

Mr. A. Morgan and family have moved into the rent just the other side of the old T. H. track now owned by Mr. Howard Thornton.

The first "good roads day" of this season was held Monday when Road Commissioner Brown with eighteen others filled up the mud hole in front of Herman Mason's and widened the road at the top of the hill. This first "good roads day" had a place that was always bad after every rain. The men who assisted are to be congratulated on their public spirit. Their names follow: H. L. Powers with team, Chas. Abbott, O. A. Beck, Ossian Stanley with team, Harold Stanley with team, Chas. Farmer, L. C. Stevens, Frank Dugess, Wm. Gaither, Wm. Bryant, Doss Philbrick, J. H. Carter, Jr., Augustus Carter, Robert Barker, Charles Gates, L. H. Bartlett, Frank Abbott, R. W. Kimball.

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MAINE

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harlow from New York Corner were in Bethel, Friday.

Gordon Allen was up from Portland to visit his mother over Sunday.

Mrs. Davis Lovejoy went to Waterville, Tuesday, for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to Gildead, Sunday afternoon, to attend the funeral of Mr. Dibble, who died Saturday morning, aged 77.

Dr. R. H. Tibbets was in Portsmouth, N. H., last week where he took his examination for a surgeon in the Navy. He passed with high rank and is now waiting the call to duty.

Local View, Memorial Day

and Birthday

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Maine

Mrs. George Horton
Thelma of Waldo at
about May 1st for
where Mr. Horton had
in a machine shop for
The vacated house is
now occupied by Mr.
Read.

Mr. and Mrs. John
McGinnis are receiving
congratulations
of a daughter, Mrs.
Gladys Cliff.

The Equal Suffrage
at the High School at
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The program will be
On May 25th, Deb
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Mrs. George Heming
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D. Guilford, in Lewiston.

The Rumford Brothers
received the sad news of
Mrs. F. A. Hill is preside

the Mixer, secretary; Mr.
treasurer. The execu
includes twenty of the
gentle ladies. The secu

RUMFORD

Mrs. George Horton and daughter, Thelma of Waldo street, will leave about May 1st for Worcester, Mass., where Mr. Horton has been employed in a machine shop for some time past. The vacated house on Waldo street will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greene are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Greene was formerly Miss Gladys Clifford of Mexico.

The Equal Suffrage League will meet at the High School building at eight o'clock on the evening of April 24th. The program will be announced later. On May 25 Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston will deliver an address at a meeting of the League.

James Kierstead, who has been in Worcester for some time past, has returned to town.

Lawyer Ralph T. Parker has purchased an Overland touring car from the C. E. Britton Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rennie have moved from the Beers house on Hannock street into one of the new houses on Gibson Flats.

John Moran, bell boy at Hotel Rumford, has accepted a similar position at Captain Barker's hotel, "The Barker." He will assume his duties the first day of May.

Edward Harpe and Edward Sheehan are in Niagara Falls, N. Y., as delegates to the local union to the Paper Makers' Convention.

Mr. Harry Ladd has accepted a position as clerk in Mann's Bakery.

William Mann is visiting relatives in Chicago, Ill.

Josie McPhie has accepted a position in the store of the C. H. McKenzies' Company.

Mrs. A. L. Stanwood is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Partenheimer, in New York City.

Mrs. George Hemingway is spending a few weeks with her friend, Mrs. M. D. Guilford, in Lewiston.

The Rumford Candy Kitchen, have received the sad news of the death of their father at his home on the Island of Lesvos, Greece. Mr. Rallides had intended coming to Rumford soon to make his home with his son.

A local branch of the Red Cross Society has been formed in Rumford. Mrs. F. A. Hill is president; Mrs. Martha Mixer, secretary; Mrs. B. E. Swain, treasurer. The executive committee includes twenty of the town's prominent ladies. The society has been granted the use of the Chamber of Commerce room in the Institute. The first gift is a check for \$25.00 received from Osgood Eaton Relief Corps.

Postmaster McMennamin has received orders from the Postmaster General not to accept any mail destined for Germany, Austria, Hungary and Turkey.

The class parts at Stephens high school have been assigned as follows: Valedictory, Dorothy Kimball; salutatorian, N. Dennis; class essay, Ruth Ostrum; class oration, Arthur Curran; class will, Florence Cornell; presentation of gifts, Arthur Boudard and John Meehan; address to undergraduates, B. Ruff; class history, A. Melanson; class prophecy, S. Hasker and M. Meekan; class odes, words, E. F. Freeman, music, H. Bremick. The class has voted to wear gowns at commencement, these to be hired from New York firms at reasonable rates. The average rank of the valedictorian for the four years was 92.75. The ranks averaged higher than ever before in the history of the school. Last year the valedictorian went to Ida Taylor at a rank of 89.9, and two years ago Ruth Peabody was valedictorian at the rank of 91.5.

The friends of Charles L. Hobbs, hand whose mother resides at 23 Elm street, will be pleased to learn that he has successfully completed a period of training at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., and has won his first promotion.

At a banquet given by the Friendly Adalt Hills class of the Virginia Chapel the other evening, Rev. and Mrs. John M. Arters were the guests of honor. Mr. Arters was presented with a very handsome, dizzine, and a gold mounted shotgun, while Mrs. Arters was presented with a beautiful camomile set. Mr. Arters' pastorate at the Rumford Methodist church was completed on Easter Sunday.

The school children of Rumford do not intend to be behind other people in showing their patriotism during the

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present war, so they are planning to help add to the resources of the State and Nation by cultivating home gardens. To make this venture a success, the principals of the several schools and the teachers are busy perfecting plans that will assist materially in this undertaking. They will get information from the Agricultural Department at the University of Maine, which will enable them to advise the children intelligently. The school authorities have engaged Herbert McColl who will graduate from the agricultural course at the University of Maine this year, to start in the work of supervising home gardens on the 25th of June. Mr. McColl will handle the children in groups, and besides he will coach these children in baseball. The products of these home gardens will be the property of the girl or boy producing them. It is also suggested that the domestic science rooms of the Stephens high school be used as the location of a canning factory for any surplus products. Mr. McColl is to take the place of Mr. Henry Johnson, the submaster at the Stephens high school the coming year.

Little Miss Evelyn Rolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rolfe of Franklin street, has been confined to the house for the past month by illness.

Mr. Edward Ambach, who has been employed by the Rumford Falls Power Co., Realty Co. and Light and Water Co., is to resign his position on account of his health, and will go onto a farm for the summer to recuperate.

Miss Evelyn Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Abbott, is to spend the coming summer at the summer home of her aunt, Mrs. Eva Salisbury, in Pittsfield, Maine.

Joseph H. Lempert of the Rumford Jewelry Company has purchased the Hobley H. Morrison house on Crescent avenue, and after making some renovations and repairs, will take possession.

The H. P. Cummings Construction Company are dumping rock and earth spoil from the Power Company's canal excavation, near Morse's Mill, widening the approach to the bridge from Franklin street, having several double teams and a big motor truck on the work. It will be a great improvement to what has always been considered a very bad corner for automobiles.

The steel frame work for the new power house is being erected very rapidly by the Cummings Construction Company, and the hum of the riveting hammers can be heard constantly. Some very heavy iron work for the power plant has recently arrived, and unloaded near Stanley Blasbee's residence on Lincoln avenue, and will have to be hauled by teams or motor through the streets to the work, as the high way bridges across from the narrow point on the railroad, are not thought to be strong enough to carry the great weight of the various sections.

Walton Hodge, 6, of 12, of Monroe have decided to take action in conjunction with the public schools or any other organization, to furnish seeds, fertilizer, etc. for the raising of crops to exceed anything that has ever been raised in the history of the town before. They will work to obtain all the unused land throughout the town, the payment for which is not to exceed

the amount of taxes upon the land.

Miss Rose Morcer, the milliner, is at the hospital suffering with a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Lucy Moore of Roxbury road is clerking for Mr. Tom Stevens at Mexico Corner.

Mrs. Guy Meader is substituting in the Rumford National Bank.

Miss Anna Hassett of the Rumford

National Bank is spending this week in Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Mrs. Alice Fassett and the Misses

Mary and Ruth Morse, who have been

rooming at the home of Mrs. J. E.

Nealey Clarke on York street, have

now taken rooms at the home of Rev.

and Mrs. John S. Warren on Penobscot street.

Complay B of the 2nd Maine Regt.

National Guard, was called to the colors on Friday morning last

to the whistle signal—eight blasts three

times in succession—and all were

amazement and excitement around quarters.

Captain Spaulding Blasbee feels very

pleased with the splendid response to

the call for levies. Industrially

Rumford will suffer very much by the

withdrawal of so many young men. The

Oxford Mill alone will lose fifty men,

the Maine Coated Paper Mill six, and

so on, and with this the previous short-

age in labor is a serious handicap.

Rumford fire department was called

at about 8 P. M. Saturday by an alarm

from Box 23 for a fire in the stable of

Andre LaCroix on Prospect avenue.

The stable was entirely destroyed, and

while they succeeded in getting the

horse out, quite a little loss was sus-

tained by the burning of some grain

which was stored therein. Later in the

evening, about ten o'clock, fire broke

out once again from the same box, but

this time it was Frank Jannacek's

banana store house. It is not known

how the fires caught.

There will be degree work in Pur-

ity Rebekah Lodge on Friday evening,

April 20th.

The Altgottger Club will meet at

the home of Mrs. Charles T. Eldridge on

Knox street on Monday evening, April 23rd.

Mexico Lodge, No. 454, N. E. O. P.,

met at the home of Warden William

S. Kelley on Granite street, Bingham,

on Wednesday evening of this week.

Lewis M. Mann and Evelyn J. Mann

have given the use of land in the Bingham field for base ball, tennis and

croquet grounds for five years, provid-

ing no use of the grounds is made on

Sunday, and that persons using the

grounds conduct themselves civilly.

Mrs. Vera E. Stearns and daughter,

Mary, who is a student at Gorham Normal School, are in Boston. Miss Stearns

expects to have an operation on her

tonail while there under the care of

her brother, Rafe N. Hatt, a student

at Tufts Medical School.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lane, Mr. and

Mrs. C. H. Lane, Jr., and daughter,

Margaret, Misses Delia and Minnie

Lane, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ridlon and

other friends were at South Paris last

week, called there by the death and

funeral of Mrs. Lola Shurtliff. Mr. and

Mrs. C. H. Lane and Mrs. Jolla Abbott

went at once and remained through the

week. The death of Mrs. Shurtliff

brings sincere sorrow to a large circle

of friends here who deeply sympathize

with the bereaved family.

Mrs. George H. Ridlon and J. B.

Tucker, who have been ill for a long

time, are slowly improving.

The remains of Mrs. Gertrude Hard-

ing, wife of Alvin M. Andrews of St.

Woodstock, were brought here Saturday

for burial in West Paris cemetery.

Mrs. Andrews was well known here and had many friends who regret her death and extend sympathy to the

mourning friends.

Miss Carolyn Gray of South Paris

was the guest several days last week

of her brother, Dexter W. Gray, and

family.

Miss Agnes Gray will return next

week to Rangeley to resume her teach-

ing.

Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Grundy attend-

ed the M. E. Conference at Westbrook.

Miss Grace Brock is ill from measles.

Mrs. Maud Mann has broken up

housekeeping and has gone to work

for the family of Merritt Welch of

Norway. Merritt is gaining and is with

her mother.

Miss E. D. Stillwell, who has been

sick with an attack of grippe, is gain-

ing slowly. Mrs. J. W. Cummings

is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis S. Hobbs were in

Rangeley last week, called there by the

death and death of Mrs. Hobbs' step-

mother, Mrs. Garrison Hobbs.

Miss Agnes Peabody has returned home

after an absence of several months.

WEST PARIS

A large crowd was at the station Monday morning when Rupert Berry, Keith Field and Alanson Cummings, who have enlisted in the Navy, left for their duties. Royal Herrick, Walter Swan and Alton Ripley have enlisted in Co. D, Norway, making six in all who have gone from West Paris for war service.

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Real Estate	\$255,000.00
Mortgage Loans	439,100.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,220,346.50
Cash in Office and Bank	116,026.94
Agents' Balances	378,585.51
Bills Receivable	57,151.09
Interest and Dividends	47,975.89
All other Assets	2,752.52
 Gross Assets	 44,812,955.75
Less Capital Items not admitted	26,488.15
 Admitted Assets	 44,786,437.60
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	
Net Unpaid Losses	181,000.10
Unearned Premiums	2,341,328.40
All other Liabilities	45,431.66
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Of course there are many serious cases that only a surgical operation will relieve. We freely acknowledge this, but the above letters, and many others like them, amply prove that many operations are recommended when medicine in many cases is all that is needed.

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RAISING TURKEYS.

The King of Poultry.

By G. E. Conkey.

The turkey may well be called the king of all poultry, for it has come into general use for Thanksgiving and for holiday feasts. It is one of America's best contributions to the list of domestic fowls.

Turkey raising is something of a specialty and requires a little different system from that of raising ordinary domestic fowls, but this difference is not such as should discourage anyone from making an attempt with them. With a little study of their habits and needs together with good common sense they should make a profitable side line on the average farm.

FAVORABLE NATURAL CONDITIONS.

Turkeys adapt themselves easily to various climates and can be raised successfully in any part of the country. But they unquestionably do best when the land is well drained, the soil not damp nor heavy and when there is plenty of natural shelter for them. The natural shelter is necessary since they must live almost entirely in the open.

VARIETIES.

The common varieties of turkeys in this country are the Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black, Slate and Bourbon Red.

By far the most popular seems to be the Bronze, which is a cross of the Black and the English Norfolk turkeys with the original wild bird of this country. The Bronze is the largest and perhaps the hardiest of all the varieties. Next to it in size, probably next to it in popularity also, is the Narragansett—also a cross with the American wild turkey, but with more Mexican wild turkey blood added, giving the mixture of white in the bronze and black plumage.

THE GOOD STOCK.

To start right with good healthy stock is of the greatest importance in turkey raising. Carelessness here is sure to mean downgrading results. So let vigorous stockmen select males mating each with sheep five months hence, never using the smaller males nor those that are unusually large. Make sure always that the hens are also strong and vigorous. Some successful breeders consider eight to twelve hens a good proportion to each tom. Two year old hens make better breeders than the younger females, the eggs being larger and heavier from them stronger.

Turkey stock quickly shows bad of feet from inbreeding and the only way to keep up the constitutional vigor of the birds is to introduce new ones.

Timbered lands, where there is not much underbrush, is the finest for raising young peacocks. Pasture land, where the grass is short and there is plenty of insects to be picked up is also good. A flock of turkeys would benefit any

farm by the amount of worms, grasshoppers, etc., this destroyed. The turkey is still half wild and will not thrive under the conditions that are ordinarily successful with the domestic fowls. They grow very nervous and restless when too closely confined. If you are in the business for profit, the right way is to give the turkeys plenty of good range, where they can get abundant natural food by foraging for themselves.

RAISING POULOTS.

In raising poulets give them a good start by having them free from vermin. Don't let them get chilled either by exposure to bad weather or by running out in the wet grass early in the morning. Feed often, say every two or three hours, but only a little at a time.

Methods of feeding commonly employed with chicks should be found quite satisfactory. A well prepared chick feed is good. Have a part of the ration consist of finely cracked grain giving this in a litter of some kind to induce exercise. After the first few days supply finely cut green food if the poulets are not running on the grass.

Grit and charcoal should be before them all the time—this is always necessary with any kind of poultry. Water must be where they can help themselves but it should be in a fence each which will protect the young poulets from getting wet. Turkeys should always have a good supply of water.

When the poulets are old enough to walk they thrive best on woodland range where they will not get tangled in wet grass and are able to pick up most of their living.

TO PATTERN FOR MARKET.

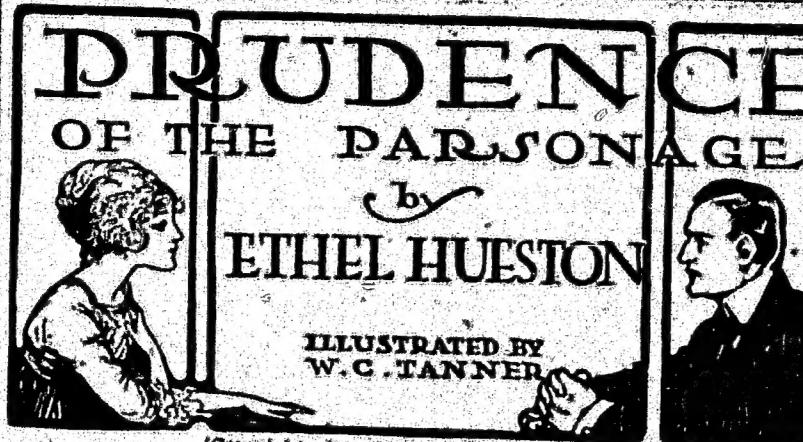
Give the turkeys free range, if possible, else they will fatten. At night feed them all the whole corn they will eat. In the morning give them a mixture as follows: six parts cornmeal, three parts millet, one part meat scrap, mixed with some skim milk or buttermilk. Do not let this get too soft and sticky, but make good and mature. Where the fattening takes in only a short period, the meat might also be given to advantage at noon and especially if the birds are now hungry all the time.

GOOD BREEDING RATION.

A good breeding season ration is made by mixing equal parts by weight of ground oats, cornmeal, wheat bran, wheat middlings, meat scrap and skim milk. Oats is the best all around grain at fattening time. During breeding season turkeys should always be given free range and allowed to follow their natural instincts as much as possible.

ALLEN'S FEET BANDS FOR THE TROOPS.

The antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes or used in the foot bath. Young men in every community are using Allen's Foot Bands in their drills for Military Preparation. Used by the British, French and English troops. The grass is short and there is plenty of insects to be picked up is also good. A flock of turkeys would benefit any



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, oldest of two motherless girls, comes to the oddest parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, and the minister's daughter, Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy return to the Ladies Aid society while Lark, Carol's twin, continues to play in the mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare Confession for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Haber, the aviator, she convinces Prudence that etiquette has small place in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices confession by borrowing it from one of the trusted girls, never telling the church unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

CHAPTER VII.—Prudence captures a squirrel with \$500 reward.

CHAPTER VIII.—Prudence takes an early morning bicycle jaunt and rides in mud, a mule and sprained ankle and a romance. The knight of romance is Jerry Harmer.

CHAPTER IX.—Jerry visits the parsonage and frankly tells Mr. Starr he intends to win Prudence.

CHAPTER XI.—After a golden summer Jerry consents to marry Jerry only to send him away over the next morning when she remembers her duty to her father and sisters.

"Oh!" Fairy's voice was noncommittal. "When is he coming back?"

"He isn't coming back. Please hurry, Fairy, and call the others. The oatmeal is ready."

Fairy went soberly up the stairs, ostensibly to call her sisters.

"Girls," she began, carefully closing the door of their room behind her, "Jerry has gone, and he's coming back any more. And for goodness' sake, don't keep asking questions about it. Just eat your breakfast as usual, and have a little tact."

"A lover's quarrel," suggested Lark, her eyes glittered greedily.

"Nothing of the sort. And don't keep me from telling you a word. But it is not my fault, Mr. Starr. I can tell you that. It is nothing I have done or said. She sent me away because she thinks it was right for her to do so, and—she has had, I think I have a right to know what has happened."

"Does she miss me? Does she seem sorry that I am away? Does—?" His voice was so boyish and so eager there was no mistaking his attitude toward Prudence.

"Look here, Jerry, I want to know, Why are you staying away?"

"Won't Prudence tell us?"

"No."

"Then I cannot. She made me promise not to tell you a word. But it is not my fault, Mr. Starr. I can tell you that. It is nothing I have done or said. She sent me away because she thinks it was right for her to do so, and—you know Prudence! It is wrong, I know. I knew it all the time. But I couldn't make her see it. And she made me promise not to tell."

In the end Mr. Starr went back to the parsonage no wiser than he left, save that he now knew that Jerry was really not to blame, and that he held himself ready to return to her on a moment's notice.

The Ladies of the Methodist church were puzzled and exasperated. They went to the parsonage, determined to "find out what's what." But when they sat with Prudence, and looked at the tall, pathos-like little figure, with the mournful eyes they could only sigh with her and go their ways.

The twins continued to play in the great maple, even when the leaves were fallen. "It's a dandy place," I tell you, Prudence," cried Carol. "Jerry didn't have this to put up the rope before Connie pulled him down, but we've fixed it ourselves, and it is simply grand. You can go up and swing any time you like—unless your joints are too stiff! It's a very serious matter getting up there—for stiff joints, of course, I mean. Lark and I get up easy enough."

For a moment Prudence sat silent with quivering lips. Then she burst out with unusual passion. "Don't you ever dare claim that tree again as long as you live, twin! Mind what I say!"

Lark looked thoughtfully out of the window, and Carol swallowed hard. It was she who said gently, "Why, of course, Prue—just as you say."

On the day before Christmas an insured package was delivered at the parsonage for Prudence. A letter was with it, and she read that first.

"My dearest little sweetheart: I chose this gift for you long before I had the right to do it. I was keeping it until the proper moment. But the moment came, and went again. Still I want you to have the gift. Please wear it for my sake, for I shall be happy knowing it is where it ought to be even though I myself am banished. I love you, Prudence. Whenever you send for me, I am ready to come. Entirely and always yours, Jerry."

With trembling fingers she opened the little package. It contained a ring with a brilliant diamond set in a red gold bezel before her eyes. And Prudence kissed it passionately, many times.

Two hours later, she went quietly to the parsonage to where the rest of the family were decorating a Christmas tree. She showed the ring to them gravely.

"Jerry sent it to me," she said. "Do you think it is all right for me to wear it, father?"

"You are a darling, Fairy, but I really do not want to talk about it. Oh, no, indeed. It is all my own fault. I told him to go, and not come again. No, you are wrong, Fairy, I do not regret it. I do not want him to come any more."

"Jerry sent it to me," she said. "Do you think it is all right for me to wear it, father?"

"A thrill of hopeful expectancy ran through the little group.

"Yes, indeed," declared her father.

"How beautiful it is! Is Jerry coming to spend Christmas with us?"

"Why, no, father—he is not coming at all any more. I thought you understood that."

An awkward silence, and Carol came brightly to the rescue. "I certainly is a beauty! I thought it was very kind of Professor Duckie to send Lark and me a fireproof box of chocolates, but of course this is ever so much nicer. Jerry's a bird, I say."

"A bird!" mocked Fairy. "Such language."

Lark came to her twin's defense.

"I'm not the only one who has been to see him," she said.

Carol smiled. "We saw him the day before he picked up his new home."

"We have seen the doctor," said Carol.

"He is a good doctor," said Carol.

